## DISINFECTING

## **CLEAN • SANITIZE • DISINFECT**

It's What Our Community Expects

**Disinfect** (dis-in-'fekt) verb - To adequately treat and destroy bacteria and viruses on surfaces which do not come in direct contact with food (non-food contact)

- Clean surfaces before disinfecting with an approved solution.
- Use disinfectants on high-touch non-food contact surfaces throughout the workday door handles, phones, computer keypads, etc.
- Disinfect food contact surfaces only if there has been a potential virus exposure.
- Choose an EPA registered disinfectant for use against SARS-CoV-2 (the virus causing COVID-19) or the proper concentration of bleach.
- Follow manufacturer recommendations for concentration level, contact time, rinsing requirement, and use of personal protection equipment (PPE).
  - » If using bleach as a disinfectant, prepare at a concentration of 1,000 ppm.
    - → 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) of 5.25%-8.25% bleach per gallon of room temperature water OR
    - → 4 teaspoons of 5.25%-8.25% bleach per quart of room temperature water
  - » The solution must stay on surface for at least 1 minute.
- Disinfectants containing detergent are one step products no pre-cleaning is required.
- Ensure proper ventilation during and after application.
- Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date, or has not been open more than 30 days.
- Never mix bleach with quaternary ammonia or any other cleanser. This can cause fumes which may be very dangerous to breathe.

Always clean before applying chemical sanitizer or a disinfectant without detergent for maximum effectiveness.

